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SUBJECT: PRISONERS IN INDIA

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1. REF A REPORTS NUMBER OF MPS STILL IN JAIL AND NOTES EMBASSY'S INABILITY TO QUANTIFY ACTUAL NUMBER OF PERSONS CURRENTLY UNDER DETENTION OTHER THAN THAT IT HAS ALMOST CERTAINLY DECLINED IN RECENT MONTHS FROM FIGURE OF 50-75,000 WE WERE USING LAST FALL. FRENCH ESTIMATE CURRENT DETAINEES IN AREA OF 30,000 BUT WE GIVE THIS FIGURE NO MORE CURRENCY THAN ANY OTHER ONE MIGHT CONCOCT AND WE DOUBT THAT N.Y. TIMES CORRESPONDENT BORDERS SOURCE FOR 12,000 FIGURE HAS ANY GREATER BASIS OF RELIABILITY.

2. PROBLEM IS COMPLICATED BY FACT THAT NUMBERS OF PERSONS HAVE BEEN PUT INTO CATEGORIES OF "HOUSE ARREST" AND "PAROLE" AND HOW ONE CALCULATES THESE TWO GROUPS (WHOSE NUMBERS WE ALSO DO NOT KNOW) AS OPPOSED TO THOSE ACTUALLY IN JAIL WOULD AFFECT FIGURES ANYONE SUGGESTS FOR DETAINED PERSONS.

3. THOSE BEING RELEASED DO INCLUDE SECOND ECHELON POLITICIANS
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IN THE STATES. FOR EXAMPLE, BIHAR MP TODAY TOLD US THAT 130 OPPOSITION POLITICIANS, MOSTLY JANA SANGH AND SOCIALISTS HAD BEEN RELEASED IN LAST FEW MONTHS IN HIS STATE, INCLUDING NUMBER OF DISTRICT POLITICIANS. AT SAME TIME, AS ALSO NOTED IN REF A, NUMBER OF POLITICAL DETAINEES IN DELHI'S TIHAR JAIL HAS ACTUALLY INCREASED IN LAST FIVE MONTHS. UK HICOMM OFFICER ALSO TELLS US THAT AKALI DAL OFFICIALS IN PUNJAB TOLD HIM LAST WEEK THEY ESTI-

MATED NEARLY 4,000 AKALIS STILL BEING HELD IN JAIL IN THAT STATE.
WHETHER THEY ARE COUNTED AS "POLITICAL DETAINEES" AND ACCURACY
OF THIS FIGURE REMAINS UNRESOLVED.
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